

Application No. 10/724,028
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REMARKS

Prior to entry of this paper, Claims 1-21 were pending. In this paper, Claims 1-7, 9, 10, and 20-21 are canceled, and Claim 8 is re-written in independent form. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. Claims 8 and 11-19 are currently pending. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Allowed Claims (11-19)

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 11-19 are allowed and thank the Examiner for his work on this matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (Claim 8)

Claim 8 was rejected to under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Prodanov. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 8 is allowable at least because Prodanov does not disclose, "the second transistor is one of a group consisting of an n-type transistor and the p-type transistor, and the keeper transistor is the other of the group consisting of the n-type transistor and the p-type transistor", as recited in Applicants' Claim 8. The Office Action states that (8) Prodanov shows that the second transistor P5 is one of a group consisting of an n-type transistor and the p-type transistor, and the keeper transistor P4 is the other of the group consisting of the n-type transistor and the p-type transistor.

Claim 8 requires that either: the second transistor is a p-type transistor and the keeper transistor is an n-type transistor, or that the second transistor is an n-type transistor and the keeper transistor is a p-type transistor. Transistors P5 and P4 are both p-type transistors. Therefore, they do not meet the limitations of Claim 8.

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